IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 4-6 and 11-14, and please amend claims 1-3, 7, 10, 15, 20,

23, and 28, as set forth below.

1   1.   (Currently Amended) A carousel comprising:

2   a plurality of modules, at least one module each of the plurality of modules comprising

3   one of a data module and an object module, said at least one module exhibiting a

4   first instance and at least a second instance:

5   wherein each of the modules is represented in the carousel by a number of instances that

6   is proportional to the module's priority relative to all other modules in the

7   carousel.

1   2.   (Currently Amended) The carousel of claim 1, the first instance wherein

2   at least one of the modules has two instances separated from the second instance by at

3   least one intervening different module of the plurality of modules.

1   3.   (Currently Amended) The carousel of claim 1, said wherein at least one

2   module including of the plurality of modules includes module content, the module

3   content representing one of television program guide information, advertising

4   information, product information, emergency information, weather information, and news

5   information.

Claims 4-6 (Canceled)

1   7.   (Currently Amended) A transmission comprising:

2   a transport stream; and

3   a carousel encapsulated in the transport stream, the carousel having a plurality of

4   modules, ~~at least one module~~ each of the plurality of modules comprising one of a

5   data module and an object module~~, said at least one module exhibiting a first~~

6   ~~instance and at least a second instance~~;

7   wherein each of the modules is represented in the carousel by a number of instances that

8   is proportional to the module's priority relative to all other modules in the

9   carousel.

1   8.   (Original) The transmission of claim 7, the transport stream comprising

2   an MPEG-2 transport stream.

1   9.   (Original) The transmission of claim 7, the transport stream comprising at

2   least a portion of a digital television broadcast signal.

1   10.   (Currently Amended) The transmission of claim 7, ~~the first instance~~

2   wherein at least one of the modules has two instances separated ~~from the second instance~~

3   by at least one intervening different module of the plurality of modules.

       Claims 11-14 (Canceled)

1   15.   (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

2   encapsulating into a transport stream a carousel having a plurality of modules, ~~at least~~

3   ~~one module~~ each of the plurality of modules comprising one of a data module and

4   an object module~~, said at least one module exhibiting a first instance and at least a~~

5   ~~second instance~~;

6   wherein each of the modules is represented in the carousel by a number of instances that

7   is proportional to the module's priority relative to all other modules in the

8   carousel.

1   16.   (Original) The method of claim 15, further comprising transmitting the

2   transport stream and the encapsulated carousel to a receiver.

1   17.   (Original) The method of claim 15, further comprising periodically

2   encapsulating the carousel into the transport stream.

1   18.   (Original) The method of claim 15, the transport stream comprising an

2   MPEG-2 transport stream.

1   19.   (Original) The method of claim 15, the transport stream comprising at

2   least a portion of a digital television broadcast signal.

1   20.   (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

2   receiving a transport stream having an encapsulated carousel, the carousel having a

3   plurality of modules, ~~at least one module~~ each of the plurality of modules

4   comprising one of a data module and an object module~~, said at least one module~~

5   ~~exhibiting a first instance and at least a second instance~~;

6   wherein each of the modules is represented in the carousel by a number of instances that

7   is proportional to the module's priority relative to all other modules in the

8   carousel; and

9   extracting ~~the first and second instances of said~~ an instance of at least one module from

10   the transport stream.

1   21.   (Original) The method of claim 20, the transport stream comprising an

2   MPEG-2 transport stream.

1   22.   (Original) The method of claim 20, the transport stream comprising at

2   least a portion of a digital television broadcast signal.

1   23.   (Currently Amended) An article of manufacture comprising:

2   a machine accessible medium, the machine accessible medium providing instructions

3   that, when executed by a machine, cause the machine to

4   encapsulate into a transport stream a carousel having a plurality of modules, ~~at~~

5   ~~least one module~~ each of the plurality of modules comprising one of a data

6   module and an object module~~, said at least one module exhibiting~~

7   ~~a first instance, and~~

8   ~~at least a second instance~~:

9   wherein each of the modules is represented in the carousel by a number of

10   instances that is proportional to the module's priority relative to all other

11   modules in the carousel.

1   24.   (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 23, wherein the

2   instructions, when executed, further cause the machine to transmit the transport stream

3   and the encapsulated carousel to a receiver.

1   25.   (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 23, wherein the

2   instructions, when executed, further cause the machine to periodically encapsulate the

3   carousel into the transport stream.

1   26.   (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 23, the transport stream

2   comprising an MPEG-2 transport stream.

1   27.   (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 23, the transport stream

2   comprising at least a portion of a digital television broadcast signal.

1   28.   (Currently Amended) An article of manufacture comprising:

2   a machine accessible medium, the machine accessible medium providing instructions

3   that, when executed by a machine, cause the machine to

4   receive a transport stream having an encapsulated carousel, the carousel having a

5   plurality of modules, ~~at least one module~~ each of the plurality of modules

6   comprising one of a data module and an object module, ~~said at least one~~

7   ~~module exhibiting a first instance and at least a second instance~~;

8   wherein each of the modules is represented in the carousel by a number of

9   instances that is proportional to the module's priority relative to all other

10   modules in the carousel; and

11   extract ~~the first and second instances of said~~ an instance of at least one module

12   from the transport stream.

1   29.   (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 28, the transport stream

2   comprising an MPEG-2 transport stream.

1   30.   (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 28, the transport stream

2   comprising at least a portion of a digital television broadcast signal.